

NEWSLETTER

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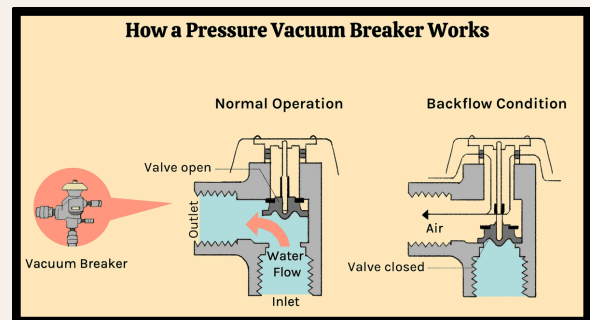


Welcome Michael Hightower

Meet Michael Hightower, our new Lead Field Supervisor for YSPUC. Michael has combined experience in being a Water Operations Supervisor and Water Treatment Supervisors, with his D3 certificate (distribution license no. 43203) also holds his T2 certificate (treatment license no. 37903).

Michael earned his Water Systems Technologies Certificate of Achievement at College of the Canyons. In addition is certified in several areas of safety including: general safety, aerial/scissor lift (I & II), leveling, advanced fall protection, hand and power tools, fire extinguisher safety, scaffold erection, respiratory protection, confined spaces, noise exposure, hazard communication, rigging safety, aerial rigging safety and environmental safety II.

VACUUM BREAKERS



Vacuum breakers are required on all household irrigation systems. Currently we are updating our cross connection and back flow prevention policy. YSPUC staff is working diligently to have our policy submitted to State Division of Drinking Water and approved by July 1, 2025. With spring gardening coming up this is a good time to examine your irrigation system to conform with our policy to ensure that the drinking water system is not accidentally contaminated with fertilizers and other greenhouse chemicals.

Are you behind on your payments?



YSPUC wants to work with our water customers to set up a payment plan. If you are more than (90) days past due, please contact our office at **(559) 517-3799** to set up an appointment to discuss your options.

SHUT OFF POLICY

YSPUC will be enforcing its "Shut Off" policy moving forward. YSPUC do not want to resort to shutting off customers water, so please reach out to our office to make a payment immediately to avoid having your water shut off.



Message from the YSPUC Board



Welcome Colby Berger

Colby Berger joined the YSPUC Team in February 2025 as a certified Utility Worker. Colby currently holds a Grade 2 for Treatment and Grade 2 for Distribution. Colby has experience conducting analysis, and water samples working with the State Water Board. He has knowledge and experience in repairing and managing pumps, meters, hoses, filters, plumbing components and chemical distribution systems.

COMMITTEES

Two YSPUC Committees have been formed and we are looking for customer members to volunteer their time and knowledge.

- **Engineering & Finance Committee**
- **Policy/Personnel Committee**

If you are interested in applying for either of these committee and contributing your expertise, please send a Letter of Interest via email to: billing@yspuc.org or mail to: 30950 Corral Drive, Suite B, Coarsegold, CA 93614

**EMERGENCY LINE (AFTER HOURS):
(559) 760-4349**

Here is your current YSPUC Board:

Cheryl Bluhm, YSPUC Board President

Joel Greathouse, YSPUC Vice President

Beate Olivas, YSPUC Secretary

Mike Robison, YSPUC Treasurer

Eric Jensen, YSPUC Director

Pam McDaniel, YSPUC Director

Rick Rajecki, YSPUC Director

The YSPUC Board has been working very hard for the last several months to ensure that YSPUC has employed the most qualified, knowledgeable and certified staff to deliver safe drinking water to our customers. Starting with hiring Paul Stiglich as our General Manager and more recently, Michael Hightower and Colby Berger; we are moving in the right direction to have fully certified staff. Additionally, other YSPUC Utility Workers are working hard towards obtaining their required certifications.

As mentioned before, many required state agency reports were either not completed or were very out of date. Most recently we were contacted by the SWB that the State Water Board eAR (Annual Report) had never been completed. Paul is working on compiling all of the required information to complete this report. Another two required reports, the Risk and Resilience Assessment and Emergency Response Plan, were required to have been completed in 2021. Those were not completed by the deadline, so now YSPUC has contracted those reports to be completed to ensure we meet the necessary EPA requirements for drinking water utility companies. Our goal is to ensure that we are up to date with all reporting requirements with all State Agencies. All YSPUC Directors have been signed up for the AB 54 Ethics Training. Currently both Cheryl Bluhm and Joel Greathouse have obtained their certifications for this training which focused on topics like conflicts of interest, fiduciary duties, and Safe Drinking Water Act compliance.

CALL FOR CANDIDATES

**YSPUC IS SEEKING BOARD OF DIRECTOR
CANDIDATES WHO ARE WILLING TO
VOLUNTEER AND SERVE ON THE
YOSEMITE SPRING PARK UTILITY
COMPANY'S BOARD FOR THE MAY 2025
ELECTION. PLEASE COMPLETE THIS
FORM AND SUBMIT TO:**

**BLUHM.C@YSPUC.ORG BY MAY 3, 2025
CANDIDATE INTEREST FORM CAN BE FOUND AT YSPUC.ORG**